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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Rachel F. Gorr

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 19 January 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,3-7,9,10,13,14,16-23 and 28-35 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,3,4,6,9,10,13,14,16-23,28-31 and 33-35 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 5,7 and 32 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 11-22-04.
- 4) ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 022405.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

1. Claim 3 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

In claim 3, the terms urethdiones and carbamides aren't understood. Do the applicants intend uretdione and carbodiimide?

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. Claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 9, 10, 13, 14, 16-23, 28-31 and 33-35 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Vanhaeren (WO91/14727).

Vanhaeren discloses film reactive hotmelt adhesives comprising isocyanate reactive polyols, non-isocyanate reactive polymers and blocked polyisocyanates in the amount of the claims (see examples – page 21). In the examples of page 20, he shows film thickness and cure times of less than 10 minutes. At the bottom of page 7 – top page 8, he discloses using a blocked isocyanurate product of isophorone diisocyanate. He refers to US 4,302,351 (Gras) for the preparation of this polyisocyanate. Gras, in claim 1, teaches a mixture of trimer (isocyanurate) and monomer, which would mean that the polyisocyanate of Vanhaeren would comprise non-symmetrical diisocyanate with each isocyanate group differing in reactivity. The polyisocyanate of example 6 of Gras, having about 15 wt. % blocked isocyanate content, would comprise about 60/40 molar ratio of monomer/trimer. Gras also includes catalysts in the blocked

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polyisocyanates (col. 4, line 34). The cure time after heating and cooling would be inherent because the adhesives are the same.


4. Claims 5, 7 and 32 are objected to for depending on rejected claims.

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Rachel F. Gorr whose telephone number is 571-272-1072. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri., from 7:00 AM to 5:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jim Seidleck can be reached on 571-272-1078. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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R.G.
April 1, 2005


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PRIMARY EXAMINER